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1. SUMMARY: POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF HAVANA WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL
WILL BE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED, BUT CUBANS ARE WARY OF POSSIBLE
DIFFICULTIES. END SUMMARY.

2. USINT OFFICER, JULY 20, WAS RECEIVED BY LUIS FELIPE VAZQUEZ,
CHAIRMAN OF CUBAN DELEGATION (2000 MEMBERS) TO WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL
(JULY 28 TO AUGUST 5 - TOTAL ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE 16,000
DELEGATES PLUS 5,000 "YOUTH TOURISTS"). VAZQUEZ, A MEMBER OF
NATIONAL BUREAU OF UNION OF YOUNG COMMUNISTS (UJC), WAS ACCOMPA-
NIED BY SABINA SANTOS (PHONETIC) OF AMERICAS DEPARTMENT OF UJC.
(FYI VAZQUEZ AND MISS SANTOS,WHO APPEARED TO BE IN THEIR MID-TO-
LATE THIRTIES,SAID THAT UJC AGE LIMIT OF 27 DOES NOT APPLY TO
UJC LEADERSHIP. END FYI.)

3. VAZQUEZ STRESSED THAT, WITHIN OVERALL POSTURE OF "ANTI-
IMPERIALISM" WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY ALL NATIONAL DELEGA-
TIONS, POLITICAL COLORATION OF DELEGATES OF YOUTH FESTIVAL
WILL BE VARIED. (COMMENT: PRO-CUBAN FOREIGN JOURNALISTS HERE
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HAVE CLAIMED THAT SOME VERY INDEPENDENT EUROCOMMUNIST AND PRO-
CHINESE DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED AND THAT CUBANS ARE CONCERNED
ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SPONTANEOUS STATEMENTS.) VAZQUEZ SAID
THAT, WHILE NATURE OF FINAL POLITICAL DOCUMENT OR DOCUMENTS
OF FESTIVAL HAS NOT YET BEEN AGREED UPON, CUBANS PREFER GENERAL
STATEMENT OF COMMONLY-SHARED POSITIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID NECES-
SITY OF PROLONGED, ACERBIC DRAFTING SESSION. VAZQUEZ EMPHAS-

IZED THAT YOUTH FESTIVAL IS, AFTER ALL, YOUTH EVENT AND NOT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND THAT MAIN IMPACT OF EVENT WILL FLOW FROM ACTUAL PARTICIPATION BY DELEGATES, NOT FROM RESOLUTIONS APPROVED. (COMMENT: VAZQUEZ APPEARED TO BE SUGGESTING THAT SOME NATIONAL DELEGATIONS WISH TO HAVE MORE FINELY FOCUSED FINAL DECLARATION OR DECLARATIONS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO DEBATE)

4. VAZQUEZ ADDED THAT FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAS ESTABLISHED DECISION-MAKING MECHANISM FOR FINAL DOCUMENTS-- CHIEFS OF DELEGATION (MOST OF WHOM HAVE SPENT MUCH OF PAST YEAR TOGETHER IN HAVANA) WILL MEET AND DECIDE ISSUES. VOTING BY ALL SIXTEEN THOUSAND DELEGATES, VAZQUEZ SAID, WOULD BE TOO UNWIELDY. VAZQUEZ ALSO INDICATED THAT FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED FULL TEXT OF ALL FORMAL PRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE BY EACH DELEGATION. (COMMENT: FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS, THUS, HAVE ONLY TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT SPONTANEOUS INTERVENTION BY INDIVIDUAL DELEGATES SINCE FORMAL STATEMENTS HAVE ALL BEEN AIRED AND VOTING CONTROL IS ALREADY ASSURED.)

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, VAZQUEZ SAID THAT NO DEMONSTRATION IS PLANNED AT USINT. (COMMENT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL MELENDEZ ASSURED US, IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION, JULY 5, THAT NO DEMONSTRATION WOULD TAKE PLACE AT USINT.) WHILE VAZQUEZ SAID THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT SMALL GROUPS OF DELEGATES WOULD NOT GO TO USINT, HE SAID THAT SUCH ACTIONS ARE NOT WITHIN "ORIENTATIONS" OF FESTIVAL'S CUBAN CONFIDENTIAL

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ORGANIZERS. VAZQUEZ CONTINUED THAT, IF DELEGATES WISH TO COMPLAIN ABOUT US POLICY, THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO DURING FESTIVAL EVENTS. (COMMENT: VAZQUEZ, INTER ALIA, MAY BE REFERRING TO "YOUTH ACCUSES IMPERIALISM" INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL WHICH WILL FEATURE "CHARGES" AND "EVIDENCE" PRESENTED BY PLO, VIETNAMESE, CUBAN, CHILEAN, AND SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATIONS AGAINST US "AGGRESSIONS" AND "MURDERS".)

6. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF PRESENCE HERE OF YASIR ARAFAT AND 150 PALESTINIANS OF "DIVERSE TENDENCIES", USINT WILL TIGHTEN UP ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS TO CHANCERY DURING FESTIVAL PERIOD. CUBAN AUTHORITIES, ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE, JULY 21, DOUBLED OUR NORMAL TWO MAN POLICE GUARD TO FOUR. LUIS SUAREZ, AN OFFICIAL OF CUBAN CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE STAFF, INCIDENTALLY, VOLUNTEERED TO USINT OFFICER, JULY 20, POSSIBLY IN JEST, THAT HE THOUGHT POSSIBILITY OF SOME PROTEST AT USINT TO BE FAIRLY HIGH.)

7. IN FINAL NOTE, VAZQUEZ IN REPLY TO QUESTION, SAID THAT ERITREANS WOULD NOT HAVE SEPARATE DELEGATION AT FESTIVAL AND THAT, IF ANY ERITREANS COME, THEY WOULD BE PART OF ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION. (COMMENT: BRITISH MEMBER OF FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE INFORMED US SOME WEEKS AGO, SEE HAVANA 1615, THAT

ARAB AND SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS WERE PRESSING FOR
SEPARATE ERITREAN REPRESENTATION.)
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